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Utah Army Guard's First Battalion, 19th Special Forces, Conducts Change of Command

CAMP WILLIAMS – The Utah Army National Guard's First Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), will conduct a change of command Saturday, June 9, at 9 a.m. at Camp Williams, in the south bay of the headquarters building, 640th Regional Training Institute.

At the ceremony Lt. Col. James B. Slagowski will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Paul S. Peters.

Slagowski, of Lehi, has commanded the 1-19th (First of the 19th) since 2009. During his 26 years of military service he has deployed twice to Afghanistan, in 2003-2004 and 2006-2007. He is employed at Bank of American Fork.

Peters, of East Millcreek, joined the Utah National Guard in 1992. During his career he has served as a detachment commander, executive officer, personnel officer and operations officer. His three deployments were to Kuwait in 2001, Afghanistan in 2003-2004, and the Horn of Africa in 2009-2010, respectively.

Peters will assume command of approximately 450 Soldiers.

Media Notes: Camp Williams is located at 17800 S. Camp Williams (Redwood) Road in Riverton at the Salt Lake-Utah County line. Please contact Maj. Bruce Roberts at (801) 716-9052 for more information.